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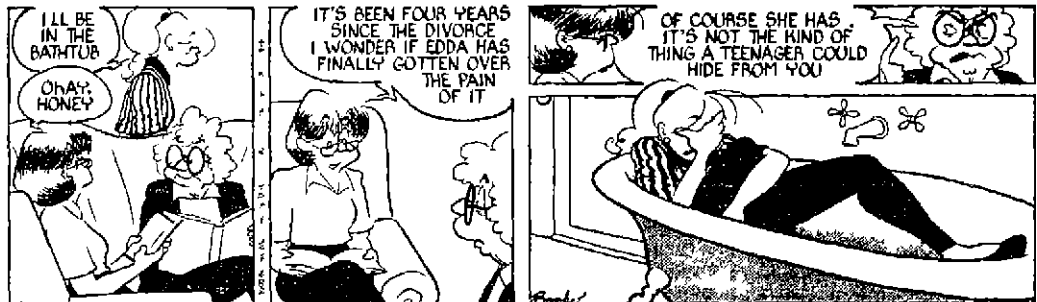
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



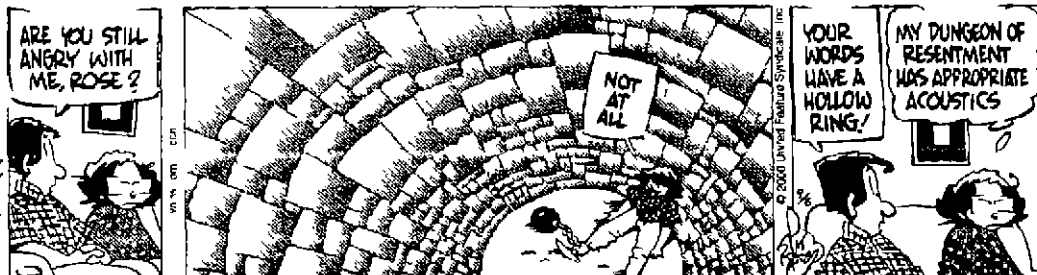
9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



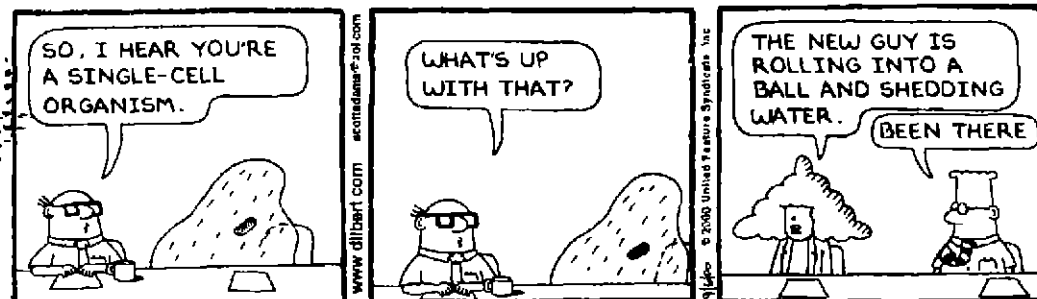
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



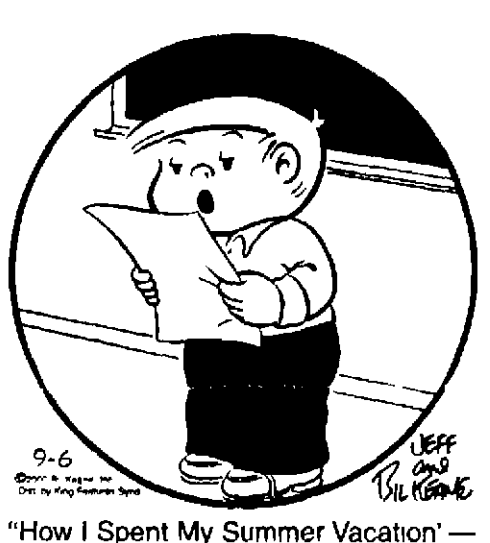
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



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IF YOUR PILE OF CLUTTER IS 12" LONG BY 10" WIDE BY 6" TALL

A BIG PLASTIC BIN IS 24" LONG BY 17" WIDE BY 12" TALL

PUT THE CLUTTER IN THE BIN AND IT TAKES UP OVER 4,000 MORE CUBIC INCHES THAN IT DID BEFORE

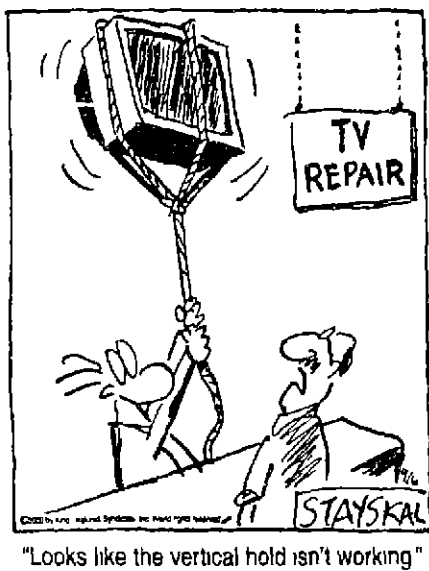
PUT THE CLUTTER NEXT TO THE BIN (A MORE LIKELY SCENARIO) AND WATCH THE TOTAL VOLUME RISE TO 5,616 CUBIC INCHES!

THE AMOUNT OF SPACE IT TAKES UP IS 720 CUBIC INCHES

AND IT TAKES UP 4,896 CUBIC INCHES

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RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian JoAnne Worley is 63
Country singer David Allen Coe is 61
Actress Swoosie Kurtz is 56
Comedian-Actress Jane Curtin is 53
Rhythm-and-blues musician Claydes Smith (Kool & The Gang) is 52
Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 43
Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 42
Actor-comedian Michael Winslow is 40
Country singer Mark Chesnutt is 37

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DOUBLE WORD SCORE

TRIPLE WORD SCORE

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

PAR SCORE 135 145 by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points to each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blinks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary or an Unabridged Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW \$4.00 2000 Unabridged Scrabble Words Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

INDIAN CHIEFS

U B Y W T R P M K I F D B Y W
U S K L E G I B Q O M K I K F
D K N A W S E T I H W J E D B
Z X W W G E R O N I M O L R E
U S Q A O N E O R L K S G I K
J H F D H S L E H U C E A B A
A Y W V I K K L K Y T P E D N
S Q P H N I C L U K Z H Y E S
I H C F R E R A E B T A E R G
C O B T Z D U O L C D E R Y I
C S S O R N H O J B W V G C B

Today's unused clue: NURSERY
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unused clue: CHIEF SITTING -
Big Elk, Crazy Horse, John Ross, Red Cloud, Big Snake, Geronimo, Joseph, Striker, Black Hawk, Great Bear, Keokuk, White Swan, Cochise, Grey Eagle, Red Bird.
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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your career or pastime may be giving you a challenge you're not ready to face.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Suddenly you're everybody's darling. Soak up this special treatment while it lasts.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You may have the odd sensation that the people around you are questioning your abilities.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Strains and pressures from your life are forcing you to make some quick decisions.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Even a rubber chicken and a Marx Brothers movie may not be able to properly raise your spirits today. This blue funk will pass.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) The emotions or will of others may feel imposing to you.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Gatherings may strain the relationship between you and your partner.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your communication skills are very effective at the moment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Financial matters have stepped to the forefront - and for the better.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't run yourself ragged, but you'll find an excellent opportunity to really push your objectives through.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) People will begin to recognize the hard effort you've been making.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Tie a red balloon to your wrist to keep you apart from the crowd.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Those who play perfectly will gain little from today's column. Those guilty of an occasional slip may gain in two ways. They might avoid a similar error in the future, or the exercise might serve as an elixir for their egos. With no attractive choices, West led South's suit. Dummy's king went to East's ace, and East returned the 10. South deliberated momentarily and took his queen. A losing spade finesse followed, and East led a third heart, giving the defenders three heart tricks and the club ace. It was down one on a hand a less capable player might have made. "Why didn't he duck the heart 10?" asked a kibitzer. "He's won more World Championships than I have local duplicates." Perhaps our champion saw the spade finesse as his best chance - at least it would eliminate any guesswork involving a club shift by East. Had South refused the second heart, he could have won the third and banded back another heart to cinch two heart winners. These, together with six diamonds and the spade ace, would have yielded the game. What if East had shifted to a club at trick three? If the deep finesse knocked out West's ace (today's case), South wouldn't need the spade finesse. And if it lost to West's club queen, South could still fall back on the spade finesse for his elusive ninth winner. Take heart you imperfect players.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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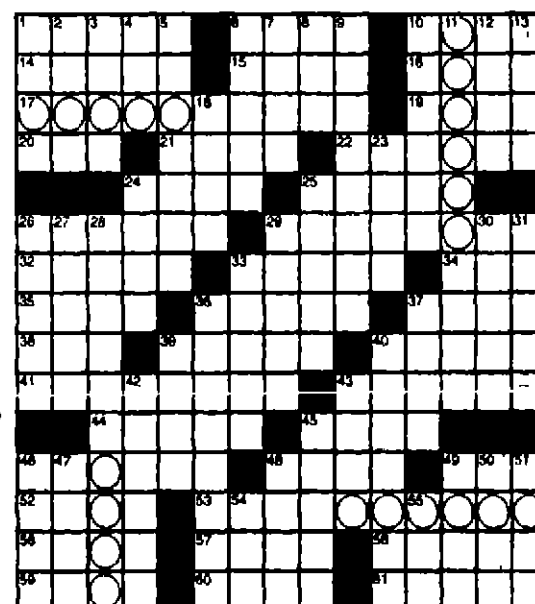
- ACROSS
1 "Air Music" composer
6 Town near Arches National Park
10 Answer the host
14 Final word
15 Solo, of a sort
16 Abbr. in a listing
17 Policy mates
19 Something to keep tabs on
20 Age abbr.
21 Dumas' Musketeers, e.g.
22 Was rude to
24 It may turn on a rooster
25 Belarus' capital
26 Olympic pool units
28 Argues an outcome
32 Orchard item
33 Hindu queen
34 Prevailed
35 Carol
36 With 29-Down, source of this puzzle's theme
37 Vocalist Vannelli
38 "___ bin ein Berliner"
39 Air traffic controllers stare at them
40 Asked
41 Southern taste treat
43 Drive-in employee
44 Big replies, informally
45 Big coca producer
46 Take over
48 Make reservations
49 General Motors division
52 Pout
53 Daily pastime for millions
56 Concert equipment
57 Thailand neighbor
58 Dianist Nin
59 Condé (publisher)
60 Brontë woman
61 Gabber

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STUD JOVE DWANF
HOME AREA NOBE
OYIS SLAM EVADE
WATCHMYHOUSE
LEROI SAGS APT
YOND LUSTER
RAM FEEOMYPUPPY
OLEG WEE WAST
WATERMYLAWN AIO
AMELIA DEAL
NOR PROD THAMS
PICKUPMYMAIL
BATON AERO BOZO
EXALT FLOP DREW
GECKO USWS AIDE

DOWN

- 1 Riequé
2 Emanation
3 Reformer Jacob
4 Poetic contraction
5 Kind of gas
6 Donny's TV partner
7 Three-layer snack
8 Space
9 Baby's bed
10 Trash
11 Keeps
12 Farewell, to Cicero
13 Argued
14 Garden decorations
15 Chip in
16 Obscure
17 Early recordings
18 Excessively enthusiastic
19 Age
20 What drinking may cure
21 See 36-Across



- 30 Loyal sidekick
31 Pry
33 Spring events
36 First set of wheeled mayhems
37 Swami
39 Mush
40 Treelined thoroughfare
42 Most loyal
43 Corp. bigwigs
45 Group on horseback, maybe
46 Mideast's Gulf of ___
47 A person in it is out of it
48 Riddle person
49 1970's Plymouth
50 Rephrase
51 Bones anatomically
54 Bit of hope?
55 Long-distance call starter

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